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H. R. 5123

To require the Secretary of Education to provide notification to States and State educational agencies regarding the availability of certain administrative funds to establish school safety hotlines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) an estimated 255,000 violent incidents oc-
6 curred in 1999 on school property, at an official
7 school function, or while traveling to and from
8 school;

1 (2) for the complete school year July 1, 1997,
2 through June 30, 1998, there were 58 school-associ-
3 ated violent deaths that resulted from 46 incidents;
4 46 of these violent deaths were homicides, 11 were
5 suicides, and 1 teenager was killed by a law enforce-
6 ment officer in the course of duty;

7 (3) although fewer school-associated violent
8 deaths have occurred in recent years, the total num-
9 ber of multiple victim homicide events has increased;

10 (4) in 1997, 5 percent of all 12th graders re-
11 ported that they had been purposefully injured, while
12 they were at school, with a weapon such as a knife,
13 gun, or club during the prior 12 months, and 14
14 percent reported that they had been injured on pur-
15 pose without a weapon;

16 (5) on average, each year from 1993 to 1997,
17 there were 131,400 violent crimes against teachers
18 at schools, as reported by teachers from both public
19 and private schools, which translates into a rate of
20 31 violent crimes for every 1,000 teachers;

21 (6) tools should be created for, and provided to,
22 students, teachers, parents, and administrators
23 across the country so that they have the ability to
24 provide the information necessary to law enforce-

1 ment authorities to take action before other trage-
2 dies occur; and

3 (7) school safety hotlines allow students, par-
4 ents, and school personnel the opportunity to report
5 threats of school violence to law enforcement au-
6 thorities, thus reducing incidents of youth violence.

7 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall provide writ-
10 ten notification to the States and State educational agen-
11 cies of the ability of States or State educational agencies,
12 as appropriate, to use State administrative funds provided
13 under title IV and title VI of the Elementary and Sec-
14 ondary Education Act of 1965 to implement programs re-
15 lated to the establishment and operation of a toll-free tele-
16 phone hotline that students, parents, and school personnel
17 use to report suspicious, violent, or threatening behavior
18 related to schools or school functions to law enforcement
19 authorities.

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